

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 03-04-01**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 31, 2003
Business Meeting: April 1, 2003, 9:30 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. **(3/31/03) 9:00 am** – L-02.11.5-RUL – PSC Default Supply Procurement Guidelines.
2. Qwest – Post-271 CLEC Forum. (4/1/03)
3. PSC – Protective Orders. (4/1/03)
4. Legislative/Budget. (4/1/03)
5. Budget/Personnel. (4/1/03)
6. FCC's Triennial Review Rules. (4/2/03 – 9:00 am)

Other Meetings

3/31/03 – 9:00 am Legislative/Budget

4/1/03 – 1:30 pm NWE Quarterly Information Presentation (Bollinger Room)

4/2/03– 9:00 am Legislative/Budget

4/3/03– 9:00 am Legislative/Budget

4/4/03– 9:00 am Legislative/Budget

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2003.3.32 (Leroy)

On March 14, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company filed Advice Letter No. MT-03-03 for a special promotion beginning April 15, 2003 and continuing through May 14, 2003 where technically available. Residential customers who order Caller ID Name and Number as an individual service on their existing lines will receive a waiver of the Nonrecurring Records only charges and a Caller ID display unit worth \$20 retail. If the customer does not subscribe for at least 90 continuous days a subsequent reversing charge will apply. Residential customers who order Caller ID Name and Number as part of the Select or Select Plus service package will have the Nonrecurring Records Only Charges waived and a Caller ID display cordless telephone worth \$50 retail. If the customer does not subscribe for at least 90 continuous days a subsequent reversing charge will apply. Citizens is requesting an April 15, 2003 effective date.

2. CenturyTel N2003.3.31 (Scott)

On March 12, 2003, CenturyTel filed tariff advice No. 03-02. In this filing Centurytel is requesting to run a promotion, which is scheduled to run April 15, 2003 through June 15, 2003. During this period, customers who sign up for Simple Choice service and keep the service for at least two months will be eligible to receive a rebate check of \$25.00. In order to receive the rebate, customers must submit copies of their bill by October 31, 2003 as proof of service. Customers who have not paid their bills are not eligible for the rebate.

3. Hot Springs Telephone Company N2003.1.11 (Scott)

On January 15, 2003, Hot Springs Telephone Company filed general tariffs. These tariffs cover basic service terms and conditions, liability, payment terms, late payment charges, disconnection, and deposit. Hot Springs Telephone Company is requesting approval of these tariffs.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. N2003.3.36 (Leroy)

On March 24, Qwest Communications filed Tariff transmittal 03-07, Grandfather Certain Consumer Packages. Qwest's objective is to simplify the packaged offerings for residential customers. It is Qwest's intent to make the ValueChoice and PreferredChoice packages the "flagship" packaged for residential customers. Qwest proposes to grandfather CustomChoice, CustomChoice on an Additional Line, MontanaChoice, PopularChoice, Two-Line PopularChoice, CustomChoice Complete, Two-Line CustomChoice Complete, SelectPak and the additional line packages: Fax Package, Teen/Roommate Package and Home Office Package. Customers will be allowed to retain their packages as long as they remain at the same location for the same customer. Where applicable, customers will be allowed to add or delete features within their package and will be able to add additional features on an a-la-carte basis without losing the "grandfather" status. The changes are being proposed in all in-region Qwest jurisdictions. All customers who have one of the existing packages will be notified of Qwest's intent by bill insert in their March bills. Customers who subscribe to the additional line packages will be sent a postcard around March 28 2003 advising them of Qwest's intent to grandfather their package. Qwest is requesting a May 5, 2003 effective date.

2. CenturyTel N2003.3.33 (Scott)

On March 18, 2003, CenturyTel file transmittal No. 03-03. The purpose of this filing is to add a new packaged service called Simple Choice One with Voice Mail. In addition, a new custom calling feature called Privacy Protector is being added to the Custom Calling Section and as a feature of Simple Choice One with Voice Mail. CenturyTel is requesting that this tariff become effective April 17, 2003.

3. MCI Telecommunications Corporation N2003.3.35 (Scott)

On March 20, 2003, MCI filed transmittal Letter No. 03-05. The purpose of this filing is: 1) to allow MCI to make textual change to Prism Plus, stating the actual calling card surcharge that refers to the FCC, 2) to revise customer's eligibility of Integrated service discount promotion, and 3) to introduce Integrated Promotion 2 and Integrated Service Prepaid Card.

4. AT&T Communications N2003.3.37 (Scott)

On March 21, 2003, AT&T filed tariff transmittal 2003-06. In this filing AT&T is revising language pertaining to the Local Exchange Service Billing Dispute. AT&T is requesting that the customer is responsible for providing written notification to the Company of any charges in dispute and the specific basis of such dispute.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 03-04-08

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2003.3.35 – WorldCom/MCI – Tariff Transmittal 03-05

N2003.3.36 – Qwest – TT 03-07 – Grandfather Certain Consumer Packages

N2003.3.37 – AT&T – Tariff Transmittal 2003-06 – Revision of Language
Pertaining to the Local Exchange Services Billing Dispute